

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPPOSING) RESOLUTION NO 96-2406
BALLOT MEASURE 47)
) Introduced by Council
) Finance Committee
)

WHEREAS, Ballot Measure 47 has been placed on the November 1996 Ballot pursuant to an initiative petition; and

WHEREAS, Ballot Measure 47, if approved, will amend the Oregon Constitution to cut real property taxes within the Metro region back to 90% of tax receipts during the 1995/96 fiscal year and thereafter generally limit property tax increases to 3% each year; and

WHEREAS, Ballot Measure 47 will have a severe financial impact on the Metro Washington Park Zoo; and

WHEREAS, adoption of Ballot Measure 47 will lead to costly litigation and uncertainty regarding increasing the Zoo admission fees and concession charges; and


WHEREAS, Ballot Measure 47, if approved, will transfer authority over matters of metropolitan and local concern to the state legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council finds that approval of Ballot Measure 47 will make implementation of the Region 2040 Growth Concept extremely difficult and will therefore adversely affect the quality of life in this region; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED:


That the Metro Council goes on record as being opposed to the adoption of Ballot Measure 47.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 24th day of October 1996.



Jon Kvistad, Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Daniel B. Cooper, General Counsel